

Amendment to the Abstract:

In the Substitute Specification at page 17 thereof, please amend the ABSTRACT as follows:

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The invention relates to a method for identifying an order of users of a network, whereby the network contains a multitude of nodes and each of the nodes has a number of connections by means of which the nodes and the users can be interconnected. Disclosed embodiments of the ~~The inventive method include: comprises the following steps:~~ a) identifying the node connected to one of the users; b) determining the number of connections of this node and a predetermined hierarchy of the connections; c) determining, for these nodes, the connection with which the user is connected to this node and; d) determining, for the nodes, other connections that are connected to other nodes or to other users; e) establishing a relationship between users of the network based on the hierarchy of the connections that is predefined for node and on the determined connections that are connected to users or to other nodes.